

1 **In the Claims**

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4 **Please amend Claim 1 as follows.**

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6 1. **(Currently Amended)** A digital camera comprising;
7 a processing unit, the processing unit including a
8 memory unit, the memory unit storing a sequence of images;
9 a shutter, the shutter being activated in response to
10 signals from the processing unit
11 a photosensitive region for receiving an image when
12 the shutter is activated, the image ~~on the shutter~~ received
13 by the photosensitive region being stored in the memory
14 unit; and
15 a display unit for displaying images stored in the
16 memory unit;
17 wherein the digital camera has a ~~first~~ mode of
18 operation in which the shutter is activated a preselected
19 period of time in response to a ~~first~~ user first input, the
20 sequence of images being displayed on the display during
21 the preselected period of time, the display being visible
22 to image subjects.

23 2. **(As Filed)** The digital camera as recited in claim
24 1 wherein the sequence of images provides a visual count-
25 down for the activation of the shutter.

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27 3. **(As Filed)** The digital camera as recited in claim
28 2 wherein the sequence of images is applied periodically to
29 the display.

1 Please amend Claim 4 as follows.

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3 4. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as recited in
4 claim 1 wherein the digital camera has a ~~second~~ normal mode
5 of operation, the shutter being activated immediately in
6 response to ~~the second~~ a user second input.

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8 5. (As Filed) The digital camera as recited in claim
9 1 wherein the display is rotatable, the display being
10 rotated to face the image subjects in the first mode of
11 operation.

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13 6. (As Filed) A method of acquiring an image with a
14 digital camera, the method comprising:
15 after a first user input signal, delaying activation
16 of the shutter for a predetermined period of time; and
17 during the predetermined period of time, displaying a
18 sequence of images to the subject images on the camera
19 display.

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21 7. (As Filed) The method as recited in claim 6
22 wherein the sequence of signals provides a count-down for
23 the activation of the digital camera shutter.

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Please amend Claim 8 as follows.

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26 8. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 6
27 wherein the digital camera includes a ~~second~~ normal mode of

1 operation, the shutter being activated without delay by a
2 user input in the ~~second~~ normal mode of operation.

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4 **Please amend Claim 9 as follows.**

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6 9. (**Currently Amended**) A digital camera having an auto-
7 exposure mode and a normal mode of operation, the digital
8 camera comprising:

9 a processing unit, the processing unit including a
10 memory unit, the memory unit storing a sequence of images
11 ~~and images acquired by activation of the shutter;~~

12 a shutter unit responsive to signals from the
13 processing unit for activation;

14 a photo-sensitive region for acquiring an image when
15 the shutter is activated, an acquired image being stored in
16 the memory unit; and

17 a positionable display, the display displaying an
18 acquired image in response to a ~~first~~ user first input, the
19 display displaying the sequence of images to image subjects
20 prior to activation of the shutter after a preselected
21 period of time in response to a ~~second~~ user second input.

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23 **Please amend Claim 10 as follows.**

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25 10. (**Currently Amended**) The digital camera as recited in
26 claim 9 wherein the shutter is activated without delay in
27 response to a ~~third~~ user third input.

1 11. (As Filed) The digital camera as recited in claim
2 10 wherein the sequence of images is displayed
3 periodically.
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5 Please amend Claim 12 as follows.
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7 12. (Currently Amended) As Filed) The digital camera as
8 recited in claim 10 wherein the sequence of images permits
9 the image subjects to anticipate the delayed activation of
10 the delayed shutter.
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12 13. (As Filed) The digital camera as recited in claim
13 10 wherein the sequence of images is a series of numbers.
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15 14. (As Filed) The digital camera as recited in claim
16 10 further comprising a flash assembly wherein activation
17 of them flash assembly is coordinated with activation of
18 the shutter.